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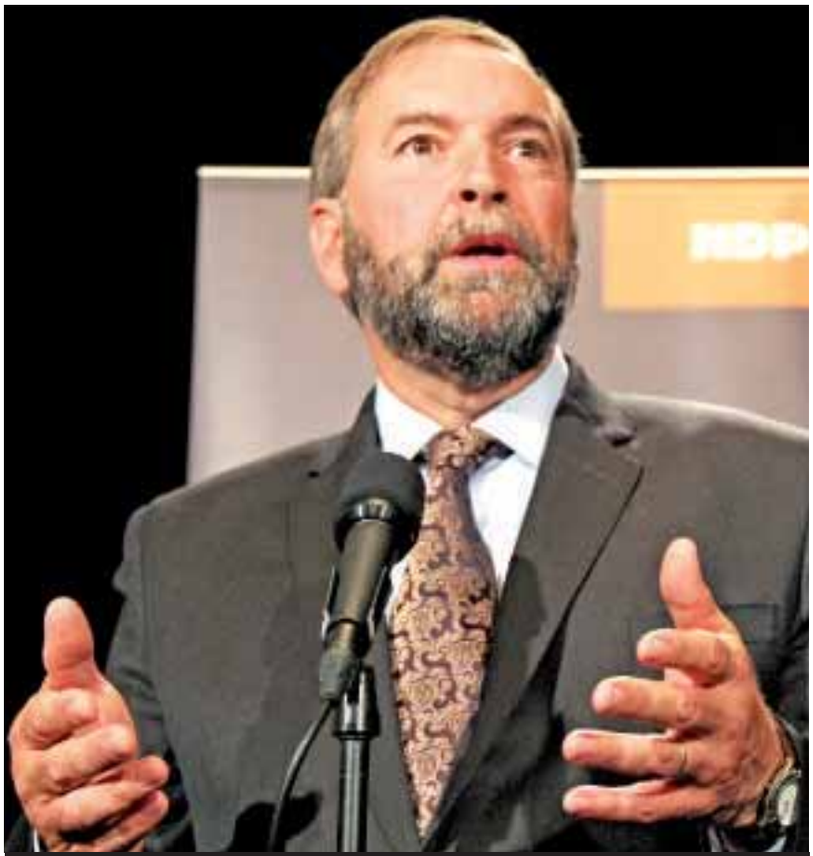

Federal NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks with reporters during a press conference at the party's caucus meeting in Saskatoon on Wednesday afternoon. The two-day meeting wrapped up Wednesday.

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Will Sask. voters be wooed toward an orange crush?

Caucus meeting wraps up. Federal Opposition Leader Mulcair confident NDP will gain ground in the province, with help of redrawn ridings

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The New Democratic Party's federal leadership says the party is ready to start taking back Saskatchewan.

With the NDP caucus meeting wrapping up on Wednesday in Saskatoon, Opposition Leader Tom Mulcair said after two days in the province, he's confident his party — which currently has no parliamentary seats in Saskatchewan — can gain some ground in the 2015 election.

"We held a meeting (Tuesday) night that was a small fundraiser and I walked into Amigos (restaurant) — and we had 350 NDP amigos showing up on a weeknight," he said. "That shows that our brand is still strong here in our home province."

Mulcair touched on the NDP's strong showing in the 2011 election, adding the recent realignment of federal ridings in Saskatchewan, which created five purely urban ridings, will help the party gain more seats in 2015.

"As a result of the map that had been drawn here, we had a great deal of difficulty getting seats, even though we had more than 32 per cent of the vote in the last election," Mulcair told reporters.

"We're going to work very hard under the new map to make sure we get back to having seats here because it's an important place, but it's also an important region," he said.

'A very clear message'

Always on their minds

David McGrane, a political scientist from the University of Saskatchewan, said holding the caucus meeting in Saskatoon was a good move, but noted a lot could change between now and when Canadians go to the polls.

"I think what it does really is it's now completely impossible to say the NDP doesn't care about Saskatchewan or ignores Saskatchewan," he said.

"It sends a very clear message to people in Saskatchewan and Saskatoon that indeed the NDP thinks the province and the city are important."

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Recent death believed to be city's 4th homicide of 2013

Investigation. Saskatoon Police Service currently seeking the public's assistance in tracking down male seen walking from scene where man was found

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The Saskatoon Police Service is now investigating what it believes may be the city's fourth homicide of 2013.

Police were initially investigating the death of 77-year-old James Favel as suspicious, but now believe he was the victim of an assault.

Favel was found by the SPS at 9:45 p.m. on Aug. 19 with serious head injuries after receiving a call about an injured man in 200 Block of Avenue I North.

He was taken to hospital, but died as a result of his injuries on Aug. 31.

The SPS are currently seeking for assistance from the public to track down a male who was seen walking away from the area where Favel was found injured around the time of the assault.

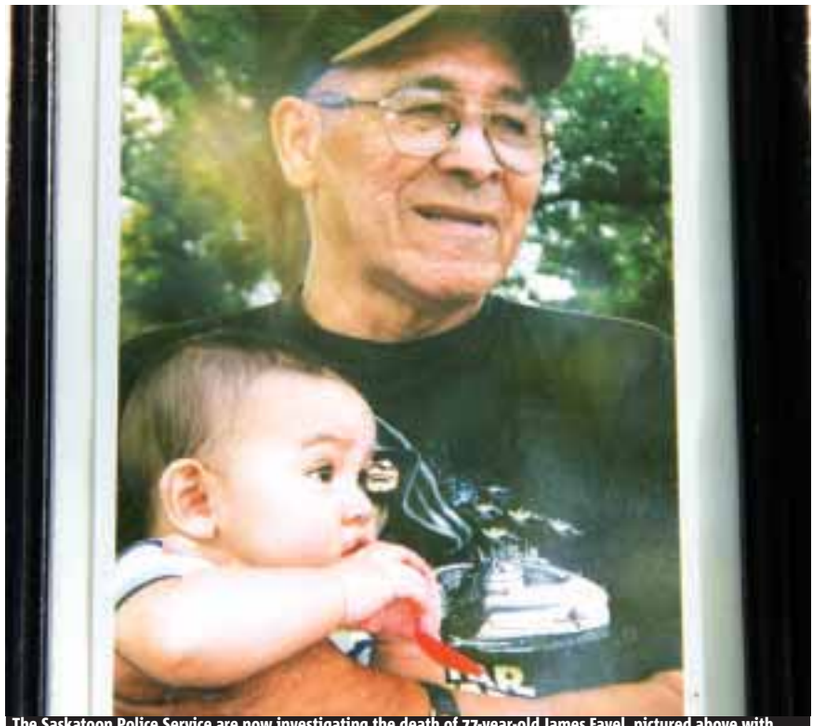
"At this point we don't have any specific description due to the fact that our investigators are wanting to verify a description before they release anything," Alyson Edwards, director of public affairs with the SPS, said in a phone interview.

"We have some information, but we're hoping there were other people in the area who may have witnessed this same male who might be able to add to the description."

Edwards explained getting information from the public in regards to this case is "extremely important."

"We're hopeful that we would receive any type of information in regards to this assault and even if it doesn't lead to a suspect, it still may play a part in piecing together exactly what occurred," she said.

Anyone with information about the death of Favel is asked to contact the Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



The Saskatoon Police Service are now investigating the death of 77-year-old James Favel, pictured above with grandson Dante, as a homicide. MORGANMODJESKI/METRO

Despite criticism

SGI won't change how it collects injury info: Minister

The minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance says the corporation will not change how it collects information on an injury claim, despite criticism from the province's privacy commissioner.

Donna Harpauer says SGI gets any medical information that a doctor's office provides when an injury claim is made. She says doctors' offices are too busy to vet information out of a medical file, but SGI will keep it confidential. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local charities win

Transgender bride settles human-rights complaint

A transgender person has settled a human rights complaint against a Saskatoon bridal shop.

Rohit Singh says she asked to try on a dress at Jenny's Bridal Boutique in April, but the store owner refused, saying men weren't allowed to try on dresses. Singh then filed a complaint with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission alleging the store discriminated against her based on sex and gender.

Shortly after Singh's story came out, dozens of people protested in front of the store to show their support for Singh and to raise awareness of transgender rights.

The commission said Wednesday that the two sides reached a mediated settlement. The deal includes an unknown amount of money to be donated by the bridal shop to two local charities. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GLOBAL SASKATOON

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City's Prairie Sun Brewery looks at growing demand for craft beer

Local suds. The growing employed population in the province is translating into an increased demand for homegrown brews

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A strong economy in Saskatchewan means people with more money in their pockets are thirsty to spend on recreational activities.

Enter craft beer.

The Prairie Sun Brewery became the latest addition to the market in Saskatchewan at the end of August, and the company will hold their grand opening event on Oct. 5 in time for Oktoberfest.

"Everyone's demanding better food, local products and things like that, so beer is just the same," said Heather Williams, who co-founded Prairie Sun with Cameron Ewen.

"People appreciate that it was brewed two weeks ago and it's fresh from the keg and you can't get it anywhere else in the world."

Williams moved to Saskatoon from Colorado, which she said is a hotspot for independent breweries. She met Ewen when they were both working at the Paddock Wood Brewing Company.

Rob Kapronczai, Spokesman for Paddock Wood, said the company was founded about 10 years ago and is the first of its kind in the province. They now have distribution across Canada, as well as a craft-beer-only pub in Saskatoon called the Woods Alehouse.

"Other bars feel they've got to have the bigger guys in there to bring crowds, but we don't agree with that," said Kapronczai. "It's been working out great."

All this is a sign of the greater audience appetite for dining experiences, said Kent Smith-Windsor, executive director for the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce.

"The fact that we've got a growing economy suggests there will be more choice in the market and that will include craft breweries," said Smith-Windsor. "Some people would measure quality of life in their community based on the entertainment, food and beverage options that they have."

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Kent Smith-Windsor, executive director for the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Heather Williams and Cameron Ewen, co-founders of the Prairie Sun Brewery, at the location of their new business on Quebec Avenue in Saskatoon. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

National Boxing championships coming to Sask.

More than 200 boxers will travel to Saskatchewan this October to fight for a spot on Canada's national team — which organizers say is the start of the Olympic cycle.

The Regina Boxing Club will play host to the 2014 Elite Men's and Women's Canadian Boxing Championships — giving the province a chance to witness premier amateur boxing.

"It gives a lot of exposure to not only the club but to boxing in general," said George Goff, president and coach of the Regina Boxing Club, as well as Boxing Saskatchewan.

Goff says at least six or seven Saskatchewan athletes will take part in the games, which Boxing Canada president Pat Fiacco says is good for the young boxers in the province, as well as fans.

"It's going to give a lot of our local boxers in Saskatchewan a chance to attend as a fan, witness some good boxing and learn a lot from the competition by observing," Fiacco said on Wednesday in a phone call from Kyiv, Ukraine.

The tournament in the Queen City will also be the debut of new International Boxing Association rules, including a new 10-point scoring system and the removal of protective headgear for the men's tournament.

"(The boxers) won't have that protection of the headgear so they will have to be smarter in the ring and (are) going to have to box better," said Fiacco, adding that this is the first time since 1984 that the men will go without it.

This event will help determine which boxers will be on the national team and move on with the chance to showcase their skills for Canada at the upcoming Commonwealth Games, the Pan Am Games and eventually the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The event will take place from Oct. 22 to Oct. 26 at the Orr Centre in Regina.

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Arab-Americans divided over Syria

'An elephant in the room'. Opposing viewpoints over U.S. intervention exposing tension in Middle Eastern communities

Sawsan Jabri and Osama Siblani share Middle Eastern roots and the American dream. They also represent dissension among Arab-Americans over Syria's civil war and ideological, political and regional differences.

Jabri, a doctor from Syria, teaches microbiology. Siblani came from Lebanon to be an engineer and publishes the influential Arab-American News.

Each speaks for opposing camps. Jabri is a spokeswoman for the Syrian Expatriates Organization, a lobbying and fundraising group that staged rallies in support of the U.S. backing rebels in Syria's civil war. Siblani has opposed U.S. intervention through counter-demonstrations and the opinion pages of his newspaper.

When it comes to Syria, Siblani says, there's little room for agreement.

"I have been in this business for 29 years," he said. "I have never seen the community divided as much as we are divided today.... It is an elephant in the room all the time."

Siblani and Jabri agree that Syria has divided the U.S. Arab community despite a history of coexistence among religions, Islamic sects or countries.

"I don't know what's happened — people became more into everyone's identity," said Jabri, who contends that Assad's regime has used chemical weapons numerous times and he should be toppled and prosecuted. "The separation is not working in our direction."

Some of the rising tension reflects what's happening in community members' homelands. Lebanon and Syria share a complicated history and a web of political and sectarian ties and rivalries, and Syria's civil war next door has intensified divisions. "The situation gets very tense when you try to say who is responsible for what," Siblani said.

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A long history

Positions on Syria have highlighted Arab ties to the U.S. that date back more than a century, when immigrants from the Arab world started arriving en masse.

- The Syrian community in the U.S. is estimated to be about 150,000 people, but the number could be much higher if it reflected all those who trace their roots to early 20th-century Greater Syria.

12 years after 9/11, pain still strong for many

Carrie Bergonia of Pennsylvania looks over the name of her fiancé, firefighter Joseph Ogren, at the 9/11 Memorial in New York Wednesday during ceremonies marking the 12th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

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Benghazi. Bombing marks first anniversary of attack

A powerful car bomb exploded Wednesday near Libya's Foreign Ministry building in the heart of Benghazi, exactly one year after the attack there that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

The early morning blast on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the U.S. caused no serious casualties, though several passers-by were slightly wounded, authorities said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the assault. However, the bombing targeted a building that once housed the U.S. Consulate during the rule of King Idris, who former Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi overthrew in a bloodless coup in 1969.

The bomb blew out a side wall of the building, leaving desks, filing cabinets and computers strewn among the concrete rubble. It also damaged the Benghazi branch of the Libyan Central Bank along a major thoroughfare in the city.

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Boston. 'Clueless' airport fire drill condemned

Officials at Boston's Logan International Airport are apologizing for holding a fire drill, complete with smoke and flames, on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The two hijacked jets that were flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York flew out of Logan. The runway fire drill, announced on the airport's Facebook page, drew harsh condemnation.

The Massachusetts Port Authority, the agency that runs the airport, said in a statement that it "apologizes for conducting the fire training exercise and understands that it may have offended many of those touched by the events of Sept. 11."

Several events were held at the airport to mark the anniversary.

"How clueless and insensitive can you be," one woman wrote on the airport's Facebook page. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Honorary title

German town to revoke Hitler's citizenship

A town in Germany plans to strip Adolf Hitler of his honorary citizenship, 68 years after his death. The town assembly of Goslar has set in motion a procedure that would formally remove the title next month.

According to the dpa news agency, Hitler had some 4,000 honorary citizenships during his lifetime.

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Bosnia

Huge mass grave discovered

Authorities say they have discovered a mass grave that may contain dozens of remains of Bosniaks and Croats killed by Serb forces during their campaign to eliminate all non-Serbs from parts of the country they controlled during the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

Bosnia's prosecution office said they expect this to be one of the largest mass graves ever found in this part of the country.

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How much money are Canadians making?

Statistics Canada's third and final release of the 2011 National Household Survey data illustrates, among other things, how much Canadians earn and where they live.

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The richest of the rich

For all the growing diversity the 2011 census and related surveys have portrayed in Canada, Wednesday's final release reveals a contrasting constant: the richest of the rich in Canada are married, middle-aged white men. The richest 10 per cent of individuals are making more than $80,400. And the very rich — the 272,600 individuals that make up the top one per cent — are all making more than $191,100. Those people are making an average of $381,300 each, 10 times the average Canadian income of $38,700.

House-poor Canadians

One-quarter of Canadian households, about 3.3 million, spent 30 per cent or more of their total income on shelter, exceeding the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's "affordability threshold." They paid an average of $1,259 a month, surpassing the 30 per cent mark by an average of $510. Sixty-nine per cent of households in Canada — 9.2 million out of 13.3 million — owned their dwelling in 2011, a marginal increase from 2006 compared with the more dramatic spikes in ownership of the previous 15 years. Four out of five households that purchased a home between 2006 and 2011 had a mortgage; one in five bought a condominium.

Diversity in the workplace

As immigrant populations become more established and as women gain ground in the workplace, the income data will slowly start to reflect the broader diversity of the population, said Doug Norris, chief demographer at Environics Analytics. "Over time, I think you'll see that diversity creeping in." Already, the NHS shows second-generation immigrants are making far more money than the national median. And ethnic groups that are well-established in Canada, such as Japanese immigrants, are also well above the median.

Student debt

Tuition fees to keep on rising, says think tank

Canadian students hoping for some financial relief on the cost of their post-secondary education are in for disappointment over the next few years, a prominent think tank suggests.

A report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives forecasts the inflation-adjusted cost of an undergraduate university degree is expected to climb an average of 8.6 per cent over the next four years.

The inflation-adjusted cost of tuition and other fees averaged $2,243 across the country in 1990, the report showed. That figure had climbed to $6,254 for the 2012-13 academic year and is projected to keep rising. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keystone XL. Crusader stars in TV ads aimed at stopping the pipeline

American billionaire Tom Steyer's mission to stop the Keystone XL pipeline has gone into overdrive with the launch of an anti-pipeline TV-advertising campaign that will feature an ad this weekend from the site of a devastating oilsands pipeline spill.

The next chapter in the four-part campaign, dubbed "Bringing Down TransCanada's House of Cards: The Keystone Chronicles," shows the Democratic mega-donor in Mayflower, Ark., where an underground ExxonMobil oil pipeline burst in March.

In the ad, set to air during this weekend's U.S. Sunday-morning political talk shows, Steyer makes the case that pipelines pose a real and present danger to anyone living near them.

Residents of the lakeside Arkansas community say they're still suffering health effects after an estimated 5,000 barrels of oilsands crude seeped from the pipeline and through a residential neighbourhood. One of the Mayflower home-owners who lives down-wind from the spill appears in the commercial.

"He was quite moved by what happened to these people," said Mike Casey, spokesman for Steyer's NextGen Climate Action. "The people who got it the worst in Mayflower weren't the ones whose basements were flooded; they were the people who lived down-wind and were exposed to air-borne toxins." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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UBC. Student execs quit over frosh chant that appeared to endorse rape

Two student executives with the University of British Columbia's commerce undergraduate society have quit after a frosh-week chant recited by students appeared to endorse rape.

President Enzo Woo says the performance of the offensive chant at the society's orientation event on Labour Day weekend should never have happened.

He says the fact the chant is tradition isn't an excuse and doesn't make the offence less serious, and that he is deeply sorry it happened.

Gillian Ong, the society's vice-president of engagement, has also quit, saying she hopes the society is now free and clear to implement changes.

The society says it will end its annual frosh orientation event and will work with the Sauder School of Business to ensure any future activities are in line with a positive environment for new students.

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Not the first time

A similar incident at Saint Mary's University in Halifax recently prompted the resignation of the president of the student association.

Prorogation. Harper's throne speech to start new session Oct. 16

A speech from the throne will usher in a new session of Parliament on Oct. 16.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will ask the Governor General on Friday to prorogue the current session of Parliament, which had been set to resume next Monday.

Harper has said he wants to lay out the government's agenda for the next two years, leading to a scheduled fall 2015 election, with the throne speech.

A spokesman for Harper said the speech from the throne will focus on jobs and the economy, the same core issues that won the Conservatives a majority in 2011.

The Opposition NDP has promised to keep pressing the government for answers on the Senate spending scandal that has embroiled three high-profile former Tory senators.

The coming prorogation, which Harper had confirmed in August, has drawn criticism from political opponents who say the government is simply trying to dodge questions about the Senate scandal in the House of Commons.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, at a summer caucus meeting in Saskatoon, said Harper should never have delayed the return of Parliament.

"We've got very straight-up questions for Stephen Harper, and he can run but he can't hide." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long-term care

Advocate stands by accusation of mice-biting

A health-care advocacy group is standing by its claim that a disabled woman in a long-term care home in southern Alberta was bitten by mice.

The allegation made public earlier this week by Friends of Medicare is being refuted by the organization which runs the St. Therese Villa facility in Lethbridge. Covenant Health said there is no medical evidence that the woman was bitten by rodents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coming forward

Reports of sex assault in U.S. navy on rise

The number of sexual assaults being reported to the U.S. navy has grown by about 50 per cent.

The navy said it is on pace to end the 2013 fiscal year with more than 1,100 sexual assaults, up from 726 the previous fiscal year.

The navy's sexual-assault prevention and response officer, Rear Adm. Sean Buck, says the increase is a sign sailors feel more comfortable coming forward.

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Shooter won't get out of prison for 40 years

Security guard killings. Sentence based on 2011 law that allows consecutive parole terms for multiple murders

A judge has sentenced an armoured-car guard who gunned down four of his crewmates during a robbery to life in prison with no parole for at least 40 years.

Justice John Rooke accepted a joint submission from the Crown and Travis Baumgartner's defence lawyer.

The sentence is based on a federal law passed in 2011 that allows consecutive parole terms in cases involving multiple murders.

The Crown has called it a first for Canada and the toughest sentence for a crime since the country's last execution in 1962.

Baumgartner, 22, pleaded guilty earlier this week to one count of first-degree murder, two counts of second-degree murder and a charge of attempted murder.

He shot his fellow guards during a routine night shift reloading bank machines at the University of Alberta in June 2012.

Court heard that Baumgartner was in debt after buying a new truck, owed friends money and had fought with his mother about paying rent in the hours before the shooting.

Rooke said Baumgartner could simply have taken the money and run rather than leaving three people dead and a fourth seriously wounded.

He said he had to find an appropriate sentence to make sure that Baumgartner never hurts anyone again, but also to give him some hope for freedom to ensure his good behaviour behind bars.

A statement of facts entered in court said Baumgartner used his company gun to shoot three of the guards as they had their backs to him, then returned to the waiting armoured truck and shot a fourth co-worker. The victims didn't have a chance to remove their own guns.

Baumgartner killed Eddie Rejano, 39, a father of three who had started working for the company six months earlier; newlywed Michelle Shegelski, 26; and Brian Ilesic, 35, the father of a daughter.

Matthew Schuman, who was 25 at the time, was rushed to hospital and survived a bullet to the head.

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Joseph Rejano, brother of Eddie Rejano, who was killed by Travis Baumgartner, speaks to media after the sentencing of Baumgartner in Edmonton on Wednesday. Baumgartner was sentenced to life with no parole for at least 40 years. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sentencing

"The deaths were senseless. It's difficult to describe the revulsion of society and this court and the public."

Justice John Rooke, during sentencing in an Edmonton courtroom Wednesday.

Union backs PQ's charter

The Parti Québécois' controversial charter of values has received the staunch support of an influential backer: a union representing provincial civil servants.

The SFPQ union, which has 42,000 members, applauds the government for "finally" tabling a policy that would ensure the religious neutrality of government offices.

The PQ plan would forbid Quebec's public employees from wearing more visible religious symbols — including hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes and larger-than-average crucifixes.

"We're obliged to keep our political opinions to ourselves," union president Lucie Martineau said Wednesday.

"We want that extended to our religious opinions."

Other unions have said they plan to consult members before taking a position.

The plan would be the most sweeping in North America, and critics call it a bureaucratic mess, unconstitutional or even xenophobic.

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Premier Pauline Marois talks to reporters Wednesday about the charter of values. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"I think we need to set clear guidelines for how we live together."

Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, in her first public comments since the plan's release Tuesday. On her way to a cabinet meeting Wednesday, the premier said she was "very proud" of the proposal.

Putin's proposal recaptures lost influence in Middle East

Syria. Proposal for the surrender of chemical weapons has shaken U.S., captivated globe

With a few days' worth of surprise diplomacy, Vladimir Putin has revived memories of an era many thought was long gone, when Washington and Moscow jostled for influence while others looked on.

Whatever happens with its proposal to relieve Syria of chemical weapons, Russia, at least for now, has re-emerged as a central player in the Middle East. And, for good measure, it is seen as a player that does not easily dump allies.

That's meaningful in a region where America's sudden abandonment of ousted Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak two years ago has focused the minds of many authoritarians on the sometimes ephemeral nature of U.S. support.

By contrast, Putin braved outrage by standing by his Syrian ally, claiming publicly there was insufficient evidence that Damascus used chemical weapons on Aug. 21 — and even hinting he would somehow assist Bashar Assad in case of a military strike.

The way events ultimately play out — in impressions as well as with facts — will also resonate with Iran, whose leaders are surely watching as the clock ticks toward another possible showdown, this one over their nuclear program.

"The message delivered in Syria will be carefully received in Iran," said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been pressing the world to force Iran to abandon its programs before it achieves weaponization — a goal Tehran denies.

Complications may well bedevil a disarming of Syria's chemical weapons. With trust in short supply, verification will be an issue that could drag on, and some will doubt Syria has ever completely come clean. Security for inspectors may also become an issue, since the stockpile is believed to be scattered all around Syria — an unpredictable and ferocious war zone.

But an impressive thing has happened already: the arresting, at least for the moment, of what had looked like a march toward a U.S. military operation that domestic and world opinion did not favour and might have skirted the edges of international law.

Even the administration of President Barack Obama seemed uncomfortable with the puzzling scenario, in which officials argued an attack is essential but also explained it must not alter the course of Syria's civil war — betraying little desire to choose between a discredited dictator and a rebel movement filled with jihadi elements who hate the West.

That a face-saving climbdown might have been engineered by the Kremlin adds irony to a tactical victory. A Kremlin leader seen as a hard-hearted utilitarian, self-serving and occasionally brutal may find new associations with peaceful resolutions and deft realpolitik.

Russia's proposal on Syria would be a comeback for a country that was gradually eclipsed in the region by the U.S. after the 1973 Middle East war, with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat expelling Soviet advisers, making peace with Israel and embarking upon a strategic alliance with Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrians hold photos of President Bashar Assad and Russia's then-prime minister Vladimir Putin during a pro-regime protest in front of the Russian embassy in Damascus on March 4, 2012. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Equilibrium

"Putin appeared to save Obama from a potential embarrassment.... Russia is on equal footing now as a power in the Middle East."

Leon Aron, Russia policy expert at the American Enterprise Institute

Alarm. North Korea likely restarting nuclear reactor

A recent satellite image appears to show North Korea is restarting a plutonium reactor, in a move that could raise renewed international alarm over its nuclear weapons program, a U.S. research institute said Wednesday.

The five-megawatt reactor at the Nyongbyon nuclear facility was shuttered in 2007 under the terms of a disarmament agreement. Pyongyang announced plans in April to restart it amid a litany of threats toward the U.S. and South Korea after it faced tougher international censure over its latest nuclear and rocket tests.

North Korea has since toned down its rhetoric and stepped up diplomacy with rival South Korea, but Wednesday's finding by the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies is a sign that the regime of Kim Jong Un is pressing ahead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capabilities

The reactor can be used both to generate electricity and produce material for nuclear weapons. Once operating, it can produce about six kilograms of plutonium a year — enough for one or two bombs. Experts estimate North Korea already has enough plutonium for between four to eight crude weapons.

Mujahedeen-e-Khalq

Iranian exiles leave Iraqi camp

The remaining 42 residents of an Iranian dissident camp left Wednesday to join their comrades at another camp near Baghdad airport, according to Iraqi officials and representatives for the exiles.

The transfer marks the end of a years-long effort by Iraqi authorities to evict members of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq from Camp Ashraf, an isolated Saddam Hussein-era compound that the group was reluctant to leave.

The MEK is staunchly opposed to Iran's clerical regime, and thousands of its members were granted sanctuary inside Iraq by Saddam. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Agriculture. One-third of world's food is wasted: UN

The UN food agency says one-third of all food produced in the world gets wasted, amounting to a loss of $750 billion US a year.

The Rome-based Food and Agricultural Organization said in a report Wednesday that food in developing countries is wasted mostly due to poor harvesting techniques, while in high-income areas the primary cause of waste is careless consumer behaviour.

According to the UN food agency, the key cause of food waste in the world's high-income areas is careless consumer behaviour. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The report said food waste hurts the environment by causing unnecessary carbon emissions, extra water consumption and the reduction of biodiversity as farming takes over more land. The most serious areas of waste are of cereals in Asia and meat in wealthy regions and Latin America.

FAO stressed the importance of raising awareness among consumers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Autos. Feds, Ontario sell part of their stake in GM

The federal and Ontario governments have sold a block of 30 million shares in General Motors valued in the neighbourhood of $1.1 billion, a portion of the equity they received when they bailed out the automaker in 2009.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in an email that the shares were sold at Tuesday's closing price of $37 US on the New York Stock Exchange, minus a small discount.

With completion of the sale, the governments will continue to hold more than 119 million GM common shares and 16.1 million GM series A preferred stock through a federal agency.

Both Ottawa and the Ontario government acquired GM shares in 2009 after having provided the ailing automaker with some $10.6 billion in aid during the Great Recession.

The investment is held on behalf of the two governments by Canada GEN Investment Corp., a subsidiary of the Canada Development Investment Corp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Transportation Safety Board lead investigator Don Ross points to a dangerous goods indicator on a rail car during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lac-Mégantic cargo was as flammable as gasoline: Safety board

Train disaster. Oil on board should have been designated as more volatile; suitability of cars is also an issue

The crude oil that exploded into flame in the Lac-Mégantic train derailment in July was as volatile as gasoline, but was documented as a less-dangerous product akin to diesel or bunker crude, the Transportation Safety Board says.

Quoted

"The lower flash point of the crude oil explains in part why the crude oil ignited so quickly once the Class 111 tank cars were breached."

Don Ross, lead investigator, Transportation Safety Board

Lead investigator Don Ross said tests showed the oil was initially graded properly for road transport but was inexplicably downgraded when it came time to move it by rail.

"When we analyzed the product samples from the nine intact tank cars from the Lac-Mégantic accident we identified the product as having the characteristics of a packing group 2 flammable liquid," he told a news conference Wednesday. "Packing group 2 is the packing group that gasoline is in."

The Lac-Mégantic oil was improperly identified as a less-hazardous packing group 3 product, and investigators want to know why.

"Is there any motivation? Why would that be shown the way it was, whether there was any commercial interest, any operating reason? We're asking all those questions," Ross said.

The July 6 crash killed 47 people and destroyed much of the centre of the picturesque Quebec town after the runaway train derailed and exploded in a fireball. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flying pot-spotter strikes gold in Ontario fields

John Sanzo, 62, demonstrates the sport of fan-powered paragliding. Sanzo says a report of another paraglider, the Fan-man, stealing marijuana hidden in Eastern Ontario cornfields is giving the sport a bad name. COURTESY LAURA FREITAG

Marijuana growers in Eastern Ontario are keeping their eyes peeled this month for a legendary figure who roams the skies every harvest season: The Fan-man.

"The Fan-man is a guy that goes searching in cornfields for marijuana plants," says a rural property owner, who asked for anonymity for fear of retribution from members of the drug trade.

With a paraglider powered by a fan-like propeller strapped to his back, the Fan-man soars above area cornfields, using a GPS to pin-point places where illegal marijuana grows, he says.

"What he'd do is literally fly real low, looking for these plants. He's been seen around the area by a lot of people — and there's most likely more than one."

The Fan-man is believed to sell GPS co-ordinates of illegal weed to criminals, who then camouflage and arm themselves at night to steal the plants. They're known in criminal circles as "pot pirates."

A spokesman for the Ottawa police service says the drug section is not aware of the Fan-man.

Uninhabited rural stretches of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec are well-known for illegal pot farming.

The Fan-man apparently hunts for green "holes" in between rows of corn where growers hide illegal marijuana.

The rural property owner first learned about the Fan-man when he spotted a suspicious person soaring low with a powered paraglider over his cornfield.

After that encounter, friends told him about the flying pot-spotter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man or myth?

- "When you see him, everybody goes around telling their stories about the Fan-man, and about how they know somebody who's had an encounter with him or knows somebody who probably could be the Fan-man," says one rural property owner.
- There are unconfirmed reports of airborne shoot-outs with pot farmers.

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HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

I was a late convert to smartphones, and like most late converts to anything I quickly became a fundamentalist zealot.

Before, I scoffed at people who wouldn't look away from their screens for anything short of a fresh bullet wound. Now I know you can get valuable information from the tourniquet app, improve the look of that wound using Instagram, or ask, "Siri, what it's all about?" as you die.

Whether I'm texting with people miles away while sitting across a dinner table from friends, or checking the weather while walking outside, my phone does all the things I didn't even know needed doing.

And this week the most iConic of all smartphones released the details of its latest iTerations. (i'M good at this.) The iPhone has not one but two new versions coming out soon, which means there'll be twice as many people standing in lines the morning of their release, just in case Apple only decides to make a few hundred.

To commemorate this once-in-a-while event, here's a brief history of the iPhone to read as you queue:

1993: Apple releases its first personal digital assistant, the Newton, a technology that leads to one good Simpsons joke, and nothing else. However, the device's inability to tell what the user is actually trying to write is later used in the iPhones' autocorrect feature.

1990s: Apple CEO Steve Jobs, thinking about his legacy, works on being an inspiration to the world and an a-- to everyone he knows, leaving no time for the smartphone until 14 years later.

2007: Jobs unveils the very first iPhone. Its two-inch screen sits on a frame roughly the size of a tennis court, and its processor can do an amazing 14 calculations a minute. Its 2,700 vacuum tubes can only be purchased from the Apple Store.

2008: The iPhone 3G includes a phone that runs on a prehistoric bird who chisels the images into a blank slate. The talking technology predates Siri, but doesn't catch on because of its corny one-liners.

2010: The iPhone 4 sends everything you do on it directly to the Oval Office. Apple is totally transparent about it, but nobody notices until three years later because it's written in one of those Terms of Agreement things and everybody skips to the accept button.

2011: Jobs uploads himself to the iCloud.

Sept. 10, 2013: Tech analysts say the new brightly-coloured, but less expensive iPhone 5C is likely meant to appeal to youth in emerging markets like China and India. The built-in cigarette lighter is a dead giveaway.

Sept. 12, 2013: The iPhone 24, speaking with the voice of Steve Jobs, comes from the future with its new time travel app to warn humanity not to allow Mark Zuckerberg's 2023 purchase of Apple. Before it can explain why, a 12-feet-tall robotic Zuckerberg reaches in from their time and pulls the phone back while letting loose a maniacal nerd-snort. Apple stock skyrockets.

ZOOM

Sitting in a tin can far above the world

NASA IMAGES

Stunning shot of a craft above Earth

It looks like a fancy beverage can — and is in fact carrying something worthwhile. This photo shows a Japanese unmanned spacecraft backdropped against a land mass of Earth. The HTV-4 craft was launched by Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) last month to bring supplies to the International Space Station. **METRO**

On the HTV-4 was Kirobo, a 34 centimetre-high automaton which became the first robot to speak in space. It said, in Japanese: "On Aug. 21, 2013, a robot took one small step towards a brighter future for all. Good morning to everyone on Earth. This is Kirobo. I am the world's first talking robot astronaut. Nice to meet you."

Fiery plunge back home

After backing away from the ISS following a one-month stay, the HTV-4 craft (nicknamed Kounotori) — loaded with trash from the space station — plunged back to Earth for a de-orbit disposal. The craft burned upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, with surviving fragments shattering across a preplanned location in the Pacific Ocean. **METRO**

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If you're of the sort who hasn't spent any time with a poem since the last time you were assigned one by a teacher, dip your toe back into the water with these frequently amusing Twitter accounts with a poetic heart.

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Worth Mentioning

Men with menopause? Yep, it's a thing

The ads tout testosterone treatments for "low T," but surprising new research shows a different hormone may play a role in less sex drive and more fat as men age. Estrogen — the female hormone — is needed by men, too, and the study gives the first clear evidence that too little of it can cause certain "male menopause" symptoms.

"A lot of things we think are due to testosterone deficiency are actually related to the estrogen deficiency that accompanies it," said Dr. Joel Finkelstein of Massachusetts General Hospital. He led the study.

Testosterone is the main male sex hormone. Men's bodies convert some of it into estrogen, and levels of both decline with age. Until now, there was no way to tell which hormone was responsible for complaints of diminished libido, strength and energy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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SCENE 2

‘Geeks will inherit the Earth’

Pop culture. Those obsessed with all things nerd are descending on the Saskatchewan Entertainment Expo this weekend

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Voice actress, Grey DeLisle is among the special guests at this weekend’s Saskatchewan Entertainment Expo at Prairieland Park. CONTRIBUTED

The dramatic shift in recent years in the way society views those who were once derisively called geeks, might itself seem like something out of the fantastical world of comic books.

While they may still receive the moniker, Chris Bernhard says it’s a label now worn with pride.

“I’m 35, I’ve been collecting comics for 25 years, and as a young fellow it wasn’t an easy road to hoe. But you do what you’re passionate about,” Bernhard said.

Bernhard and his partner Mike Jordan are taking advantage of that change and putting on the first Saskatchewan Entertainment Expo this weekend, celebrating all manner of pop culture obsession.

An indication of just how mainstream this type of event has become is the logistical challenges the pair have experienced along the way.

“We’ve been working at it since October of last year and with the amount of interest we’ve received, once we started letting people know what was happening, we had to move venues twice due to the amount of interest.”

Fans will be able to meet icons like Kim Coates from Sons of Anarchy, Kevin Conroy who provides the voice of Batman, cosplayers, or those who dress like their heroes and a host of comic artists and writers at Prairieland Park.

Bernhard has especially high marks for guest William B. Davis, best known as the Cigarette Smoking Man from the X-Files, saying that working with him was both easy and “a real geek-out moment.”

He adds the celebrities themselves have shown just as much anticipation for the event as their fans.

“So many of the people we’ve reached out to have been like ‘I’ve never been to Saskatoon, that sounds like a great thing to do.’ We’ve been finding that people are more excited to go to places they haven’t been before, so that’s worked in our favour.”

Unlike a lot of the material that will be sold at the event, Bernhard and Jordan aren’t overly concerned with the future.

They hope to hold events in years to come but are dealing primarily with preparing for this year’s Expo, which has included handling a last minute cancellation by Henry Ian Cusick from TV’s Lost.

But with the changing attitudes toward those in attendance it’s a good bet they’ll still have a winner on their hands.

“There seems to be a real push with the popularity of geek culture into the mainstream with things like The Big Bang Theory, making it culturally acceptable to get comic books or like fantasy or dig Dungeons and Dragons. The geeks have inherited the earth.”

Tickets

Where you can get tickets.

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Vampire Weekend has a new album out called Modern Vampires of the City. CONTRIBUTED

Vampire getting longer in the tooth

Modern Vampires of the City. As the band prepares to hit the road, Ezra Koenig and Rostam Batmanglij are right where they belong

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

Vampire Weekend lyrics have always read a bit like witty TripAdvisor entries. Location is an essential part of the experience, whether it be the Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa of their self-titled debut or the California English of 2010's Contra.

The band's latest release, Modern Vampires of the City throws in more geographical references than the first two albums combined. Anchorage, Oakland, Dar es Salaam, Providence, Phoenix and Santa Barbara all get lip service. Even though that could give the impression that the album is literally all over the map, the titular "City" they reference most is New York, and the collection of songs is possibly the band's most cohesive effort to date.

"On the first album, all of the places that I name checked in Cape Cod were places that I actually had been, albeit somewhat briefly," says singer Ezra Koenig.

He is sitting in a café down the street from his apartment on the Lower East Side. For a guy who sings with a band whose last two albums went to No. 1, he is comfortably anonymous in his neighbourhood. Only one passerby seems to slip into an "I know that guy from somewhere" expression.

"On the song Step on this album, there is a lot of name checking," Koenig continues, "and I've never been to someplace like Dar es Salaam, but part of that song is about somebody who in the beginning is talking about how they were going all of these different places, but really back at home is where they really have to figure things out."

It seems like Koenig spent a lot of time at home figuring things out. The theme of mortality is persistent throughout Modern Vampires with a lot of breath spent on uncertainty about what may be next, after this album and after this life. He says he feels like reflecting in this manner is almost a rite of passage for a band between albums two and three.

"Whether you're in college or in your early 20s doing whatever, there's a sense that it's an eternal springtime. And that's also true for a band that's making their first album. So we had that threefold: A bunch of young cats, fresh out of college, suddenly people have interest in our band," he says, reminiscing about Vampire Weekend's beginnings at Columbia University.

"Then when you do something a second time it's still exciting, and you're building and you start to get to the third time, and unless you're a total craven careerist, you're going to pause a little bit and be like, 'OK, so we're doing this for a third time. We're now five or six years older than when we started. Is this just a job? Are we just banging out products of varying degrees of quality, based on an initial template? Or are we trying to do something different?'"

He and songwriting cohort Rostam Batmanglij spent the better part of a year — writing songs and recording songs at Batmanglij's apartment under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass — making sure they were trying to do something different, and succeeding.

Immediate goal

Koenig's aim. He says his goal isn't to have the most recent album be everybody's favourite Vampire Weekend album, just somebody's favourite. "That's the hardest thing to pull off: Sometimes everybody likes the first album the best, a handful of people like the second album the best and nobody likes the third album the best," he says. "It's not because I have a chip on my shoulder that's like, 'I want people to like this album more than the first two!' I just want there to exist people in the universe who could feel that way.

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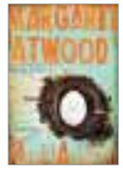

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6.	INFERNO Dan Brown	15	17
7.	THE CASUAL VACANCY JK Rowling	14	8
8.	OMENS Kelley Armstrong	3	4
9.	A HOUSE IN THE SKY Amanda Lindhout	5	2
10.	THE INCONVENIENT INDIAN Thomas King	20	5
11.	THE MAYAN SECRETS Clive Cussler	17	2
12.	THE BONE SEASON Samantha Shannon	4	4
13.	WAGING HEAVY PEACE Neil Young	12	7
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15.	THE RETURNED Jason Mott	8	2
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Superchunk, super hearing loss

I Hate Music. Laura Ballance explains why she's sitting out this tour and the sadness of her band's new material

NOLAN GARWON
Metro World News

After nearly a decade-long hiatus leading up to 2010's Majesty Shredding, indie rock stalwarts Superchunk have bounced back much more quickly with their 10th re- lease, I Hate Music.

"We've never broken up," notes bassist and founding member Laura Ballance from the Merge Record headquarters in Chapel Hill. "We knew we wanted to keep playing. We knew once we had a break that we'd probably want to make records again. When we did Majesty Shredding, it was very much of a, 'We'll do this and see how it goes' situation. Who knows? Maybe it would be another 10 years before we made a record — and maybe not. It depends on how much fun we have."

But along with the fun came sadness.

The new album's ominous title, I Hate Music, doesn't reflect any aging angst or irony. Music has long been an all-encompassing part of the band's life. Besides playing in Superchunk, Ballance and lead singer Mac McCaughan own Merge records, one of the most influential and successful independent record labels of all time. Instead, the title reflects the inability of music to stop life's tragedies.

The record is a tip of the hat and bowing of the head to friend and film production designer David Doernberg, who passed away last year.

"This record is very much about our friend Dave," says Ballance solemnly. "If you listen to the lyrics in that song (Me & You & Jackie Mattoo), it's interpreting this frustration. Music has been this huge part of our lives and it's so important to us, but really, what is it worth? People need music and music does have a lot of value, but it can't change the physical reality of somebody dying."

Musician Laura Ballance of Superchunk performs at The 2012 CBGB Music Festival. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

With a lyrical focus more mellowed and mature, McCaughan's nasally nostalgic songs are often travelogues and reverent references to shows and people along the way.

And while the subject matter may be heavy, the instrumentation is even heftier with towering guitars, searing solos and the powerful punishment of the drum kit that have long defined the Superchunk sound.

There is one thing that will be noticeably different on this tour, however.

After nearly 25 years, Ballance will be sitting out her first ever shows due to hyperacusis, an oversensitivity of the eardrum related to hear- ing loss. Joining the band on the road will be bassist Jason Narducy.

"I started to notice my ears ringing ages ago," Ballance notes. "Probably as soon as we started playing together. But I have noticed that my hearing is getting progressively worse. I realized that I was having an increasingly difficult time hearing people who are talking to me. I realized that I want to be able to hear my daughter and hear my grandchildren. I love playing for people, but I've done it and I've done it for 25 years. I think I've fulfilled my promise. I have been really worried that I was going to be really upset and sad about them playing without me. But I didn't get upset. I felt liberated."

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Neko doesn't roll solo

In her musical life, Neko Case doesn't like to work alone.

For more than a decade, the singer has maintained a dual-track career that thrives on teamwork as it taxes her organizational skills. She leads a band of her own, including vocal partner Kelly Hogan, and had a new disc come out. She also tours and records as a member of Carl Newman's pop collective, the New Pornographers.

Her new album, with the mouthful title The Worse Things Get, The Harder I Fight, The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You, continues a progression beyond the alt-country sound of her early career into something deeper and more eclectic.

Case sounds like she's paying tribute to a longtime lover on one of her new songs, Calling Cards, when she sings: "Every dial tone, every truck stop, every heart break, I love you more."

Case says she's singing to her band.

"I know there are people who are really good at performing solo," she said.

"Me, I just feel lonely. I hate it. I don't like to practise alone, either. It's about community for me. I think it's about not having a family as a kid."

Neko Case's latest album, The Worse Things Get, the Harder I Fight, the Harder I Fight, the More ILove You, was recently released.
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After a troubled childhood, Case left home at age 15. That's usually a recipe for disaster, but Case is eternally grateful for the rockers and drag queens of Tacoma, Wash., who looked after a girl hanging out in places she shouldn't.

"It's another reason I get so upset at the idea that the gay community is some disgusting underbelly," she said. "I would have died without a strong gay community and I'm not even gay."

Case worked through depression the past few years, with deaths of people close to her and a broken relationship. She took some time off the professional treadmill to sort through things emotionally.

"I don't want to sound like it was some incredible transformative experience," she said.

"It was that, but every single person goes through the same thing."

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Zoe Saldana. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Who-knew nuptials: Saldana weds Italian artist in hush-hush ceremony

Zoe Saldana was quite sneaky this past weekend, marrying Marco Perego in a super-secret ceremony in London before anyone could catch wise, according to Us Weekly. "It was super small but very romantic and beautiful," says a source of the ceremony, which was attended by just family and a handful of close friends. Saldana and Italian artist Perego "have known each other for a long time," the source explains, but they hadn't been officially linked until May.

Taylor Swift

Crushing in Canada: Swift snuggles up to Aussie actor at TIFF party

Taylor Swift may have found a new man in Australian actor Brenton Thwaites. The pair met at a private party at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this week and spent some time getting to know each other, according to People magazine. Swift and Thwaites nestled into a booth at the Soho House for an hour chatting and "making each other laugh," a source says. Thwaites "had his arm around her back. She touched his leg a few times. They seemed very into each other."

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The only life is the one we have now. Which is why we must see it and live!

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How many kids does Ron Paul have besides Rand Paul and Ru Paul?

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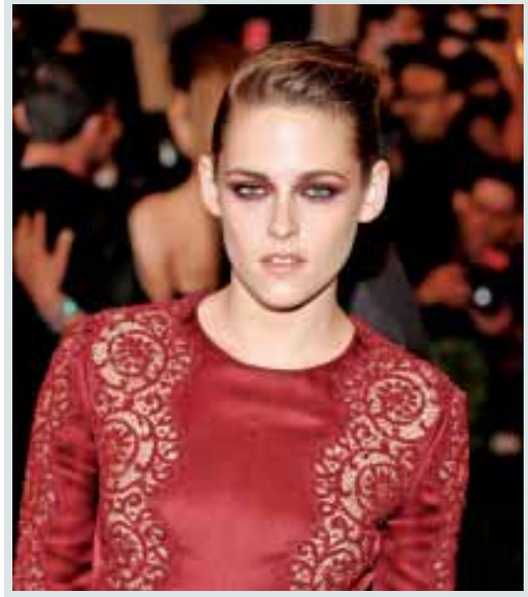
I would like to apologize for a tweet I will probably do next month.

The Word



How much to canoodle with KStew? Try half a million

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in NYC

Everyone has a price, even Kristen Stewart. And as a New Yorker, I couldn't be more pleased that she does.

In a New York Times article on Harvey Weinstein, the film mogul mentions that he managed to line up a Saudi prince who promised to make a sizable donation to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts — if the Twilight star would hang out with him. When Weinstein got in touch with her, she had a question: How much?

Weinstein drove a hard bargain, settling on $500,000, paid in advance. Stewart then agreed to hang out with the prince for 15 minutes.

With hurricane season upon us once again, I call for all our Kristen Stewarts to be on high alert in case they're needed for some emergency shmoozing — especially since she'll be busy in the near future.

The Twilight star has enrolled in a correspondence course at UCLA, where she plans to study English literature.

"Yes, Kristen's a Tinseltown actress worth millions, but she is already considering a life after film. She never got to complete college and she wants to get a proper education," a source tells the Daily Mirror.

John Krasinski and Emily Blunt

Baby Blunt watch: Actors expecting their first bundle of joy

Emily Blunt and John Krasinski are set to become parents for the first time, as Blunt is pregnant with their first child and is due in just a few months, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. "They both want kids. It's one of the reasons they got a bigger place, in a neighbourhood that you can raise a family," a source says. "They both couldn't be more excited."

Prince Harry

Alexander Skarsgard

Walking with the stars: Famous faces sign up for charity challenge

Prince Harry has some stiff competition for his upcoming charity race to the South Pole, as True Blood star Alexander Skarsgard has signed on to the American team competing in the Walking With the Wounded South Pole Allied Challenge, a 208-mile trek that raises funds for military charities, according to USA Today. Skarsgard and Harry will be trekking alongside wounded military personnel from their respective countries. "I'm honoured to be working and training alongside these soldiers to raise money and awareness for this very worthy cause," Skarsgard says in a statement.

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Target goes out on a Lim with collection

Romancing the masses. Designer says he's as passionate about creating a $29.99 shirt as he is about one for $299

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News in NYC

Phillip Lim believes you're just as busy as he is. It's why the designer — whose hotly anticipated 3.1 Phillip Lim collection for Target hits stores Sunday, just five days after the Spring ready-to-wear line debuts at New York Fashion Week — created an affordable fall line perfect for people on the go. We nailed down Lim to talk about his design process, why menswear is important and how to keep essentials from being boring.

Congratulations on the Target collaboration! What was your main objective for the line?
For me, it was about creating a chic, easy and cool collection for real people. I focused on the idea of a romanced reality and having ideas, products, clothes and accessories on the go for this romance.

Lim's 100-piece offering consists of chic, understated essentials you can rely on for just about any occasion — there's even a grab-and-go pack with underthings for those surprise last-minute trips. GETTY IMAGES

How would you describe the codes of the 3.1 Phillip Lim brand?
Phillip Lim is designed for the global citizen on the move with understated, elegant clothes that imbue a strong sense of discovery with hidden details just for the wearer.

Your Target line has a strong focus on menswear. Why was it important to include the guys?
Men are embracing fashion more and it was important to me that I create a collection for both men and women to easily incorporate into their wardrobes and their everyday lives.

The collection is full of practical-yet-cool essentials. How did you keep these pieces from being boring?
When in doubt, you can never go wrong with solids. It's important to stock up on chic basics as they cannot only be worn at different hours of the day, but also from season to season. Once that foundation was established, I sprinkled in things or ideas from my own collection.

How did you choose to bring back certain pieces from your main line such as the comic book motif and colour block pastels?
I took inspiration from archival pieces that we thought would also be of interest to Target's guests. All in all, designing the collection was a very similar process to that of my main collection, because in the end, I put the same amount of passion, energy, spirit, and time into designing the $29.99 shirt as I would for the $299 shirt.

It's been a busy year for you. After your show wraps, what are your plans?
Hopefully I will be off on the beach somewhere!

Retail reminiscence

Do you still shop at Target?

- Yes, Target has just about everything. As a child, I remember Target as that place to get everything and just thinking, "they have everything here, all the dreams are here!"

Model call

Erin Wasson. GETTY IMAGES

In the moment with Erin Wasson

We caught up with the model at Vevo and Style Network's Styled to Rock party to find out about her runway outing at Alexander Wang and her fall wish list.

What are you looking forward to wearing this fall?
"I love outwear. I love a good jacket. I love a good boot. It's a time where you get to personify fashion because you get to create more layers."

What's on your fall shopping list?
"I just moved into a new house four months ago. So I'm obsessed with interior design right now. I geek out about lighting fixtures."
MWN IN NYC

Trends Report

- The popular shape of eyebrows evolves endlessly, from caterpillar-thick to super skinny arches and everything in between. Go online to see what the latest look is as seen on two current 'it' girls in film and fashion and let me know which eyebrow shape you prefer.

metronews.ca/voices/trends-report

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The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Caitlin

Graphic designer and bartender

What she's wearing
H&M hat, American Apparel crop top, UNIF skirt, vintage belt and Michael Kors heels.

Her inspiration
"Images and videos from Tumblr, YouTube and blogs! My favourite YouTube chanel to watch for fashion ideas is Clothes Encounters."

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When to add an accent

One of these walls is not like the other — and that's a good thing.

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Accent walls can define a focal wall where a television sits, highlight a piece of art or simply change the mood of a room by injecting a small amount of colour on one of the walls.

Wondering about which wall in your house might be perfect for a splash of colour? Consider these ones: behind the headboard in the bedroom, where the mirror hangs in the bathroom or the wall the television or fireplace sits on in the living room.

Areas not to paint an accent wall are: a powder room, kitchen or foyer; keep all of those walls the same colour.

For less than $100 and an afternoon you can add a colourful accessory that can be changed as often as the trends change.

This fall, look for either dramatic tones or pretty colours to add an update to your rooms.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW GETS DRAMA ADDED WITH A DEEP PURPLE-GREY ACCENT WALL. BEHR'S MAHARAJA 620F-7, BEHR.COM

Fashion

Para's Meritage PF20: The Merlot and burgundy colours are all over the fall fashion runways, so why not be ahead of the herd and add it to one wall? Looks best with: navy, gold, dark grey, deep green. para.com.

Neutral

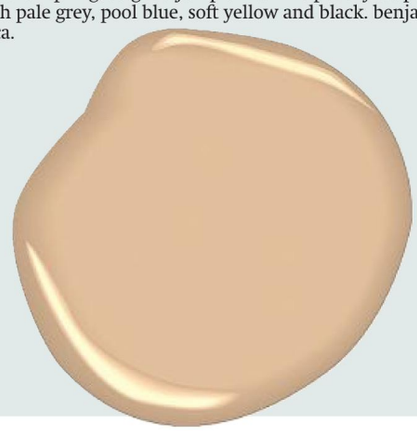
Colour Your World's Pasture Green Fresh: This warm green colour will perk up a dark space and bring the colour of nature inside. Looks best with rust, taupe, off white and cream. dulux.ca.

Dark

Farrow & Ball's Stiffkey Blue 281: This is the easiest way to add a sense of importance and tradition to a modern space. This deep teal-grey blue looks great with pale blue or grey, deep brown and brassy gold; farrow-ball.com.

Pastel

Benjamin Moore's Sycamore CC-350: Soft, pastel-like colours are predicted for spring, so get a jump on it. This peachy-taupe looks best with pale grey, pool blue, soft yellow and black. benjamin-moore.ca.



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If you hang it — tastefully — they will see, and maybe like it

Collage. Showcase your personal treasures and create great art at the same time

Those beautiful summer vacation photos are in a cardboard box. Somewhere.

The souvenirs you picked up on that overseas trip years ago are jumbled in a drawer. Your collection of (fill in the blank) is in the kitchen cupboard.

One clever way to display the collection it is to mount shelves or frames on a wall and fill them with whatever pleases you. Decorators call it a salon wall, and it has origins in 17th century Paris, when the Royal Academy held exhibitions, or "salons," to showcase student work. Their art would be mounted in a closely knit configuration.

A visually balanced arrangement is what you're after, says New York interior designer Elaine Griffin.

"It's the eclecticism — photos with found objects, for example — that makes it beautiful and stylish," she says. "Every element should speak to you or tell you a story."

To create a salon wall, plan carefully. Lay out the arrangement on the floor first, and then transfer it from the floor to the wall, piece by piece. "Start at the centre of the composition and work your way outward, a little bit in each direction, left, right, up, down," Griffin says.

Spacing doesn't need to be the same around all objects, but it can look better when it's equal around an individual element. Use a geometric shape — square, circle, triangle or diamond — as a loose basis for your arrangement.

Create an axis in the centre of the wall, a focal point from which all the elements radiate, Griffin advises. Laying the idea out on a template — a piece of art paper on which you draw the shapes — will help consolidate the finished look.

"It's nice if you have the entire collection for a wall ready to hang at once, but you don't have to — you can install as you collect," Griffin says.

David Kassel, a collage artist in New York City, creates salon walls for designers like Bunny Williams, Jamie Drake and Jeffrey Bilhuber. Through his company, ILevel, he'll put up anything a client gives him, but also offers his own collections: exotic turtle shells, vintage medicine bottles, colorful plates, even a framed set of 1940s Rorschach ink blots.

"For small objects you can use shadow boxes. Sconces are a wonderful way to display bottles, vases, rocks or any three dimensional objects. You can choose from simple contemporary wall wedges or more traditional options like carved, gold-leaf sconces," Kassel says.

If you want to turn your wall into a photo gallery, hanging the pictures without frames creates a clean look that lets the pictures pop, says Jeff Southard, a spokesman for Collagewall.com, which helps clients create photo walls. Avoid hanging several versions of the same picture, he says; instead, use a variety of close-ups, action shots, etc.

"Given the choice between a perfect bland photo and a flawed, energetic one, go for the lively one," Southard says.

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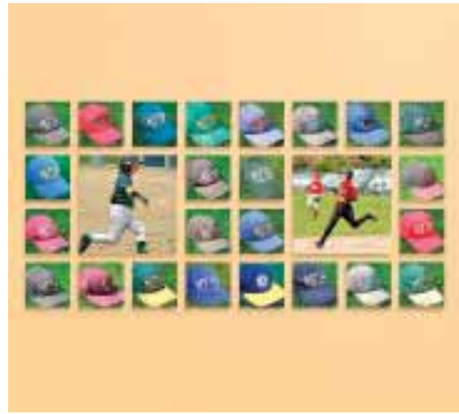
Tortoise shells



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Vintage plates

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Myth? Try this product for Dandruff relief

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Recently while doing some research for an upcoming television segment I was exploring the different uses for baking soda. I found one in particular to share that's so great, I now use it almost every day myself. You see, I suffer from dandruff. It is embarrassing and so after trying every shampoo in the drugstore, I finally went to see a dermatologist who gave me a special medicated shampoo. It works perfectly and I am very happy. But while doing my research I read that washing your scalp with baking soda also helps control dandruff, so the next time I jumped into the shower I wet my scalp then scrubbed lightly with pure baking soda and let it sit while I finished my shower before rinsing it out. And to my great surprise it really works! My head has stopped itching and I don't have a dandruff issue. It is so easy and works so well I just had to share this with all of you! Give it a try and write back and tell me your personal experiences.

Try a little baking soda on your head. Not too much now. ISTOCK IMAGES

Curried Lamb Casserole: Not your mom's can-of-soup creation

ROSE REISMAN
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Casseroles are excellent one-dish meals.

You can substitute stewing beef and use any combination of other root vegetables such as potatoes, turnips or parsnips.

Serve this over rice, polenta, mashed potatoes or a grain of your choice.

1. Dust lamb with flour.

2. In large nonstick oven pot, heat oil, sauté lamb for 2 minutes or just until seared all over. Remove lamb and set aside.

3. To pot, add garlic and onion and sauté for 5 minutes until soft. Add carrots and green peppers and mushrooms and sauté for another 5 minutes or until mushrooms are no longer wet.

4. Add sweet potatoes, stock, wine, tomato paste and curry powder. Return lamb to pan; cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally until lamb is tender. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (ROBERT ROSE) BY: ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 3/4 lb boneless leg of lamb, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- All-purpose flour for dusting
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup finely chopped sweet green pepper
- 1 cup cubed peeled sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1/3 cup red wine
- 3 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tsp curry powder

Curried Lamb Casserole with Sweet Potatoes

This recipe serves four and contains 296 calories per serving. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING.

For your phone

Jamie's Recipes: Street Food (iPhone/iPad; $2.99 subscription)

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It's like having a food truck hiding in your kitchen. Jamie Oliver's latest recipe pack offers popcorn chicken, sweet potato wedges, dim sum buns, fish 'n' chips, and dazzling hotdogs.

Side or dinner. Gluten-free Mac 'n' Cheese

1. In large saucepan, heat broth covered over medium heat until it comes to a simmer, about 2 to 3 minutes. Uncover. Add cream cheese; cook, whisking, until it melts, about 3 to 4 minutes. Whisk in cheddar and pepper until cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Reduce heat to low to keep warm.

2. In large pot, bring 16 cups (4 L) salted water to a rapid boil. Add macaroni, stirring occasionally until water returns to a boil. Cook for 3 to 3-1/2 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until "al dente" or tender but firm. Drain well. Add to cheese sauce. Stir until well-coated, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately, garnished with chopped fresh parsley, if desired. **PRESIDENT'S CHOICE**

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) PC Blue Menu Chicken Broth
- Half 250-g pkg cream cheese, cubed
- 2 cups (500 ml) shredded medium cheddar cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pkg (340 g) PC Gluten-Free Macaroni

Bowl of classic French comfort

1. Preheat oven (325 F/ 160 C)

2. In shallow glass baking dish, combine flour and half each salt and pepper. Open chicken thighs and cut in half. Dredge in flour mix. In nonstick frying pan, heat oil over med-high. In batches, cook chicken 5 mins., turning halfway. Set aside.

3. Cut bacon strips crosswise into thin strips. In Dutch oven, cook bacon over med heat, 7 mins., stirring occasionally. Using slotted spoon, transfer to bowl, leaving fat behind. Add mushrooms, onions and carrots to Dutch oven; cook 3 mins., stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic, thyme and bay leaves; cook 2 minutes. Add red wine, broth, and remaining salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Add potatoes, browned chicken thighs and bacon. Cover and bake in centre of oven 1 hour.

4. Place colander over large shallow saucepan; strain mix into saucepan. Return chicken and veg to Dutch oven; cover to keep warm. Bring sauce to a boil. Boil for 10 minutes or until reduced by half. Return sauce to Dutch oven. Stir in parsley and serve. **PRESIDENT'S CHOICE**

This Coq au Vin serves eight. CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 2 lb (1 kg) PC Free From Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
- 5 slices PC Free From Naturally Smoked Bacon
- 1 pkg (227 g) white button mushrooms, wiped clean
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) peeled pearl onions
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) diced carrots
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) minced garlic
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cups (500 ml) red wine
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) halved mini-ature new potatoes
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chopped parsley

Rates. No need to panic for long term

LESLEY SCORGIE
For Metro

Rising mortgage rates have some Canadians in a panic to lock in for the long term.

But higher rates aren't necessarily bad. They force prospective homebuyers to save more prior to making their purchase, and ensure their personal debt levels are kept in check, ultimately protecting the broader Canadian economy from the perils of lax lending practices as seen in recent global financial crises.

Besides federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty giving the banking industry a political nudge, fixed mortgage rates are rising due to the fact that they are closely tied to investor demand for government bonds, which has been on the rise.

One of the key implications of rising fixed mortgage rates is that it will be harder to qualify for a mortgage. This is because all mortgage applicants must now qualify under the posted five-year fixed mortgage rate, regardless of whether they select that type of mortgage or not.

Before you hang your head in frustration and give up on your search for a new home, rest assured, fixed mortgage rates are still highly attractive compared to historical standards. But you may need to save more for your down payment or reduce your debt levels in order to qualify. The silver lining in both of these options is that you will be better off financially in the long term.

The second implication is that in an environment where rates are increasing, many new homebuyers or owners on variable rate mortgages rush to lock in their rates, shielding themselves from the inevitability of higher borrowing costs. This strategy often suits risk-averse homebuyers.

But because the Bank of Canada's key lending rate, which is what the prime rate is tied to, has not increased in three years, Canadians with a higher appetite for risk can still take advantage of lower rate variable mortgages, which are derived off of the prime rate.

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One of the first decisions to make when looking for a mortgage is whether you want financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker. COLOURBOX

Pros and cons of banker vs. broker

Whether you have decided to purchase a new home or renovate the existing one, one of the first decisions you will have to make is whether to seek out financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker.

The benefits of working directly with your financial institution are that you may receive preferential rates and reduced fees because the bank wants to keep your business. Banks also offer personal loans or lines of credit, which can be used towards home upgrades, providing homeowners with an alternative to refinancing an existing mortgage, paying cash for or charging renovations to a credit card.

The drawbacks are simply that you are limited to the products and rates offered by your institution.

But with hundreds of mortgage products on the market, it's hard to know whether you are selecting the right one. Therefore, many Canadians are turning to mortgage brokers to help wade through the selection and save money.

An independent mortgage broker isn't tied to any financial institution and works on behalf of you, the client, rather than the lender. Because they are not employees of any lending institution, mortgage brokers seek out the best mortgage options to suit your specific situation from a multitude of lenders — banks, trusts, private companies, or insurance firms. Brokers may also have access to mortgage products for purposes of refinancing or financing home improvements.

Mortgage brokers work directly with lenders, thus they can often get instant approvals and negotiate better rates and terms on your behalf.

When the broker matches a lender with a buyer and a mortgage is placed, the broker is paid by the lender, not the client. LESLEY SCORGIE

Shop around

- Before you sign up for a mortgage with any financial institution, shop around for the best rates and greatest repayment plan flexibility. Check out ratehub.ca for comparisons of the best mortgage rates in Canada among all financial institutions.

4 SPORTS

CFL

League fines Riders centre, Ticats DB

The CFL fined Saskatchewan Roughriders centre Dominic Picard and Hamilton Tiger-Cats defensive back Dee Webb on Wednesday for separate on-field incidents.

Dominic Picard
GETTY IMAGES

Picard was fined for throwing a punch in a 25-13 loss to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Sunday. Webb was penalized for a dangerous hit to the head of BC Lions receiver Marco Iannuzzi on the opening kickoff of Hamilton's 37-29 victory on Saturday.

As per CFL policy, the fine amounts weren't disclosed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Duvernay-Tardif pegged as top 2014 draft prospect

The CFL Scouting Bureau has listed Laurent Duvernay-Tardif of the McGill Redmen as the top prospect for the 2014 Canadian college draft.

The six-foot-five, 305-pound Duvernay-Tardif was one of four offensive linemen named Wednesday in the September rankings list of the top 15 draft prospects.

St. Francis Xavier University receiver Devon Bailey was ranked second and Montreal University offensive lineman David Foucault was third.

The next rankings list will be released after the Canadian Interuniversity Sport football season is complete.

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Pressure's on for Taylor Hall, left, and Regina native Jordan Eberle to start producing wins and playoff berths in Edmonton. FREDERICK BREEDON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Oilers' Eberle excited to have 'new slate'

NHL. Players appear ready to leave behind excuses with new young coach in tow

Dallas Eakins brings an emphasis on fitness, accountability and frankness to his new job as head coach of the Edmonton Oilers.

His arrival also creates a new beginning for a team that has missed the playoffs seven straight years. Forward Jordan Eberle said it's time the Oilers forgot about their potential and started proving their ability.

"It's a new slate, new coach, new mandate," Regina's Eberle said Wednesday. "There's a point, probably a couple years ago, when you get sick and tired of hearing how good you're going to be and just want to get to that point."

Fellow veteran forward Sam Gagner said the expectation for the team has to be nothing less than the playoffs.

"We've been through a lot of losing," he said after the team's camp opened with medicals and fitness testing. "It helps you grow as a person but it's never fun. Our core is pretty much intact and we have a lot to prove.

"It's important for us to realize that the time is now to turn things around."

To that end Eakins, hired in the off-season to replace the fired Ralph Krueger, made it clear to the players it's time to shed the "young team" label and show they belong in the NHL.

"It's a cop-out to be labelled young," said Gagner, who's heading into his seventh season with the Oilers. "It allows you to go through some growing periods but that's done now. We've been through a lot as a core and it's time for us to move forward.

"We have a mix of veterans, young guys and everything in between and it's important for us to reach that next level."

They'll try to do that without veteran captain Shawn Horcoff (traded to Dallas), minus an established backup to goaltender Devan Dubnyk and with No. 1 centre Ryan Nugent-Hopkins — the first pick in the 2011 draft — on the sidelines. Nugent-Hopkins underwent off-season shoulder surgery and is expected to miss the first few weeks of the regular season.

Eakins, who was hired last June, will experiment with winger Taylor Hall, the team's leading scorer last season, moving into the vacant centre spot.

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No surprises please

"I don't like surprises and I don't think players need surprises either. They'll know exactly where they stand with me."

New Oilers head coach Dallas Eakins, who has assured his players he'll be frank and upfront with them on all issues.

NFL. Detroit tackle Suh appealing $100K fine

Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh says he isn't going to change what he does on the field.

And he's appealing his latest fine, too.

Suh was fined $100,000 for an illegal block on a Minnesota Vikings player in the Detroit Lions' season-opening win last weekend. It is the NFL's biggest monetary fine for on-field conduct, not including the dollars lost by players due to suspensions.

"It's going through the appeals process," Suh said Wednesday.

Suh's agent, Roosevelt Barnes, said he expects the appeal to be heard later this week, when he hopes to provide another perspective to reduce his client's fine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Sabres sign Hodgson to multi-year deal

The Buffalo Sabres have re-signed centre Cody Hodgson to a multi-year contract a day before the team opens training camp. The Sabres announced the signing Wednesday after players reported for physicals.

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MLB. Yankees vault Orioles in wild-card chase

Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking homer leading off the ninth inning in New York's 5-4 win over Baltimore on Wednesday night.

The Yankees moved past Baltimore and Cleveland in the AL wild-card hunt and have hit eight homers in winning two of three in the four-game series that concludes Thursday night.

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Robinson Cano gets high fives in the Yankees dugout on Wednesday night in Baltimore. GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you're not in the mood for work then don't push it. Your perspective on life is changing and because of that you may find it hard to focus on one thing at a time. It's no big deal.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Anything of a serious nature should be left until tomorrow or even the weekend because you won't be able to give it your best shot today. Come tomorrow, you may decide it's not worth any kind of shot.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A domestic problem requires a solution and the only way you are going to find it is by giving the situation your full attention. Don't let sob stories steer you away from the truth.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Let everyone know what you think and let everyone know that you are not the sort who can be easily fooled. A positive, confident attitude will work wonders today, even if you are trembling a bit on the inside.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are worrying too much about your finances. Yes, of course, you have bills to pay but dwelling on it won't solve your cash flow issues. Get out there and make some money.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It may at times seem as if the world is a hostile place but it's not as bad as you think. Make an effort to see the good things, and good people, around you today. You'll feel better on every level.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever your aims in life, the most important thing you can do right now is make others happy. You have a gift for making people smile. Use it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No matter what bad things may be going on in the world, you are fortunate enough to be surrounded by people who genuinely care for you. They think you're special, and you are. Treat them special, too.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't let others' negativity rub off on you. You do best when you are cheerful, so steer clear of those who seem to enjoy wallowing in despair.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A small act of kindness on your part will make a big difference to someone you interact with today. Don't just go through the motions. Connect with them. It's about being human.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sometimes you take life too seriously and that seems to be your main problem at the moment. Yes, of course, things could be better but, on the other hand, are they really so bad? It depends how you look at the world.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A loved one's words may be jumbled and hard to understand but make the effort anyway because once you "get" the message they are trying to convey, you will see how relevant it is to you. Listen and learn. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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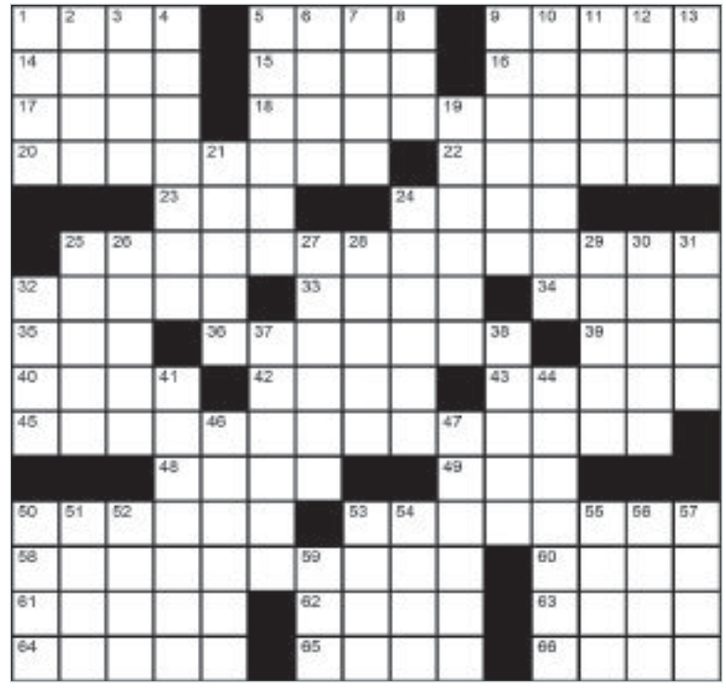
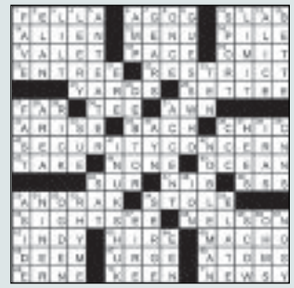


Across
1. Orange covering
5. Shoe type
9. Feigned flattery
14. Interest __
15. Famous spy, Mata __
16. __ _ (Not difficult school course, in slang)
17. "Say it __ so!"
18. 1997 Radiohead album: 2 wds.
20. Cuisine of Quebec: Tourtieres are what?: 2 wds.
22. In jeopardy: 2 wds.
23. Suffix with 'Auction'
24. Unfeigned
25. Beginning of Longfellow's poem Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie... "This is the __ __."
32. Cock-a-doodle-doo time
33. Goo Goo Dolls hit
34. Singer Ms. Mouskouri
35. Switch selections
36. Triangular spicily-stuffed pastries
39. Single
40. Many a moon
42. Ho Chi __ City
43. Lazybones
45. Garlic press, and others: 2 wds.
48. Phoned
49. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
50. Happen
53. Band that covered Joni Mitchell's song "This Flight Tonight"
58. Type of agent: 2 wds.
60. Repeat
61. The J. __ Band
62. Cosmetics company
63. Actress Ms. Gray
64. Accounting firm, __ & Young
65. Sprightlinesses
66. "You __ My Battleship!"

Down
1. Refined
2. Informality
3. Famous volcano
4. __ _ (What 'Flavour' in Canada has that 'Flavor' in The States doesn't)
5. Sunday performers
6. Toronto's water, __ Ontario
7. Creatures of folklore
8. Armani fragrance, Acqua Di __
9. Nose part
10. Ms. McTeer (Wife of 16th Prime Minister Joe Clark)
11. Sparkling wine city of Italy
12. Whiskey grains
13. Mr. Wahlberg
19. Ms. Tomei of movies
21. Friends, in slang
24. Country songstress Ms. Yearwood
25. Mushrooms, as examples
26. Commencement
27. "Bad __" by Blue Rodeo
28. Pitchfork part
29. Bank safe
30. Author Ms. Rice's
31. Hideaway
32. Drench
37. Betters
38. Greek alphabet's 'S'
41. Monk's manuscripts
44. Donald Sutherland movie, "Six __ of Separation" (1993)
46. Most hearty
47. Amounts in egg cartons
50. Cheer on
51. Not ever, poetically
52. Gladly
53. Place for pews
54. Perched on
55. Stockings shade
56. Watered down
57. Use the car's horn
59. Pencil's noise-on-desk sound

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1		8					4
			3				5	7
3	5		2					
	6		7	4		1		9
4		9		2	5		8	
					9		7	6
8	4				2			
7					8		3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	9	3	8	5	1	4	6	7
6	4	7	9	2	3	5	1	8
5	8	1	4	7	6	9	2	3
4	7	5	6	1	9	8	3	2
8	3	2	7	4	5	1	9	6
1	6	9	2	3	8	7	5	4
3	1	4	5	8	2	6	7	9
9	2	8	1	6	7	3	4	5
7	5	6	3	9	4	2	8	1

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